

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-17, 20-42, 44 46-48 and 51-52 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-17, 20-42, 44, 46-48, and 51 stand rejected.

Reconsideration is requested. The rejections are traversed. No new matter is added. No claims are amended. Claim 52 remains in the case for consideration.

Allowed Subject Matter

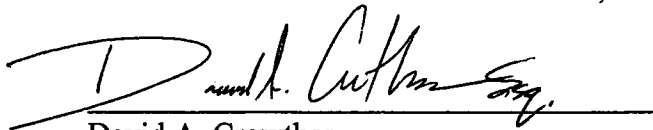
The Examiner indicates that claim 52 is allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the patentability of this subject matter. It is not clear to the Applicant, however, why the Examiner copied and pasted the previous argument against claim 52 into the Office Action dated December 31, 2007, while at the same time indicating that claim 52 is allowed in the same Office Action. Therefore, to clear the record, the Applicant requests that the Examiner clarify that the indicated language should not have been included in the Office Action dated December 31, 2007, or that claim 52 is allowed based on the remarks set forth by the Applicant. In all other respects, this case should be in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of claim 52 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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